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THE FINAL CHAPTER: THE TWO UNIVERSES

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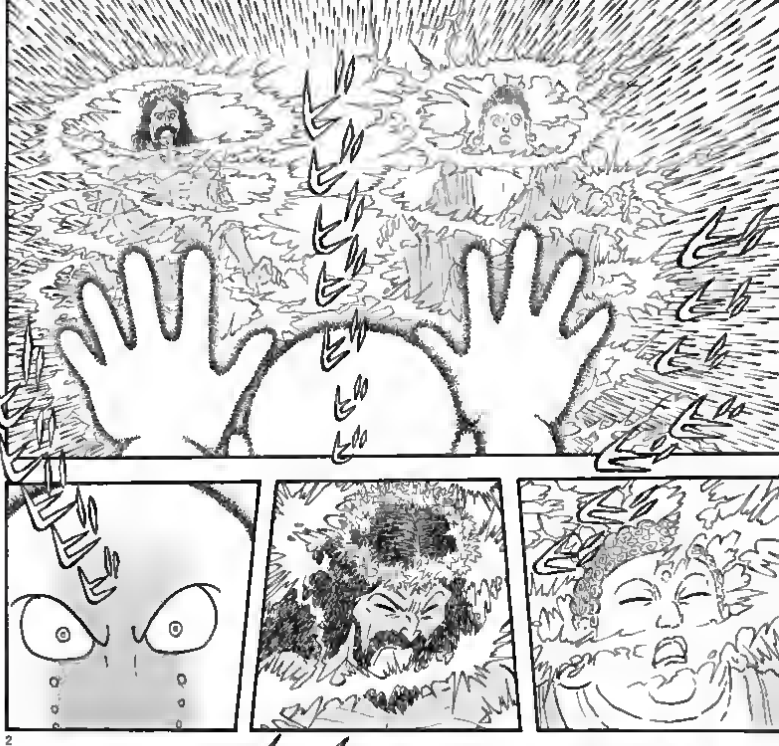
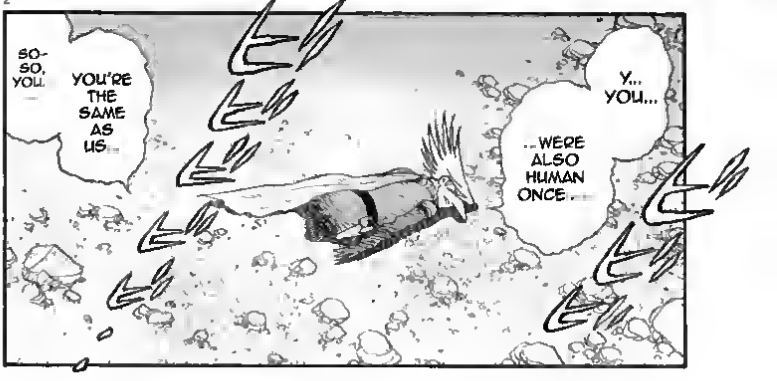
THE COMPLETE SET, VOLUME 5, COMING MID-APRIL!!

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YOU'RE THE SAME AS US.
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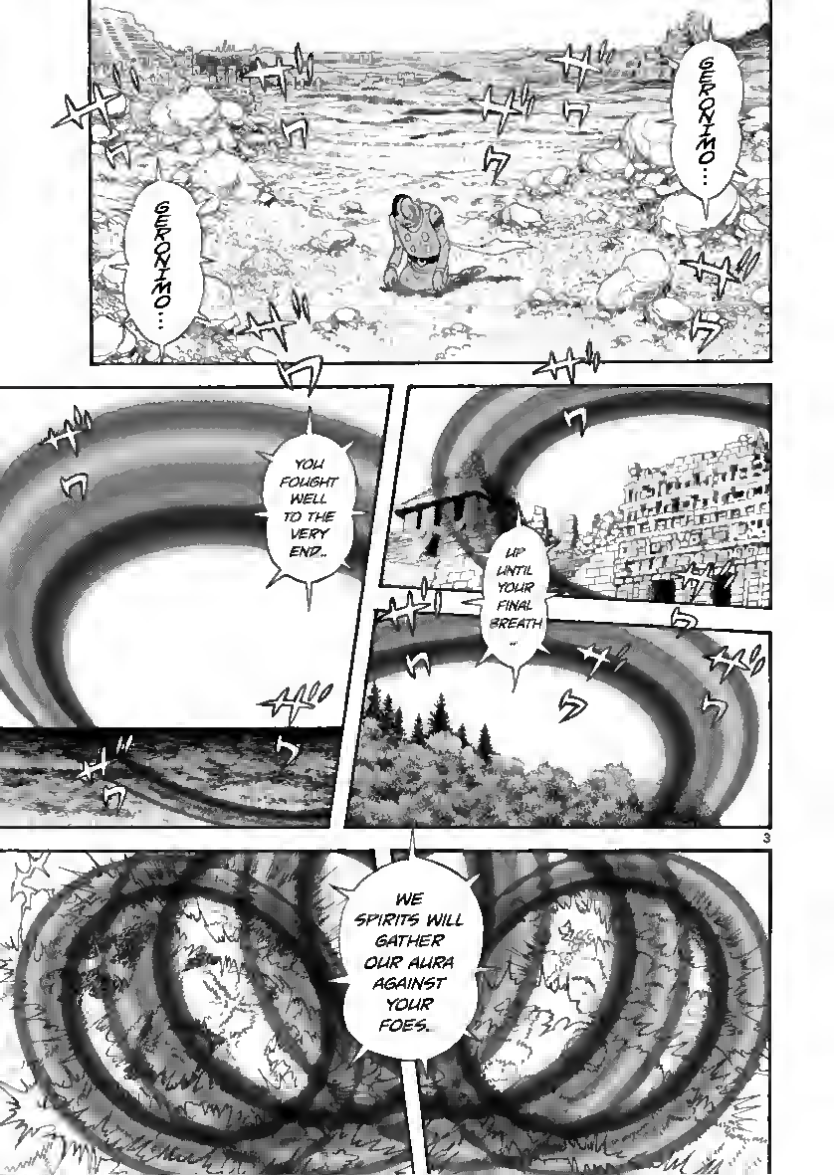
YOU...
...WERE ALSO HUMAN ONCE...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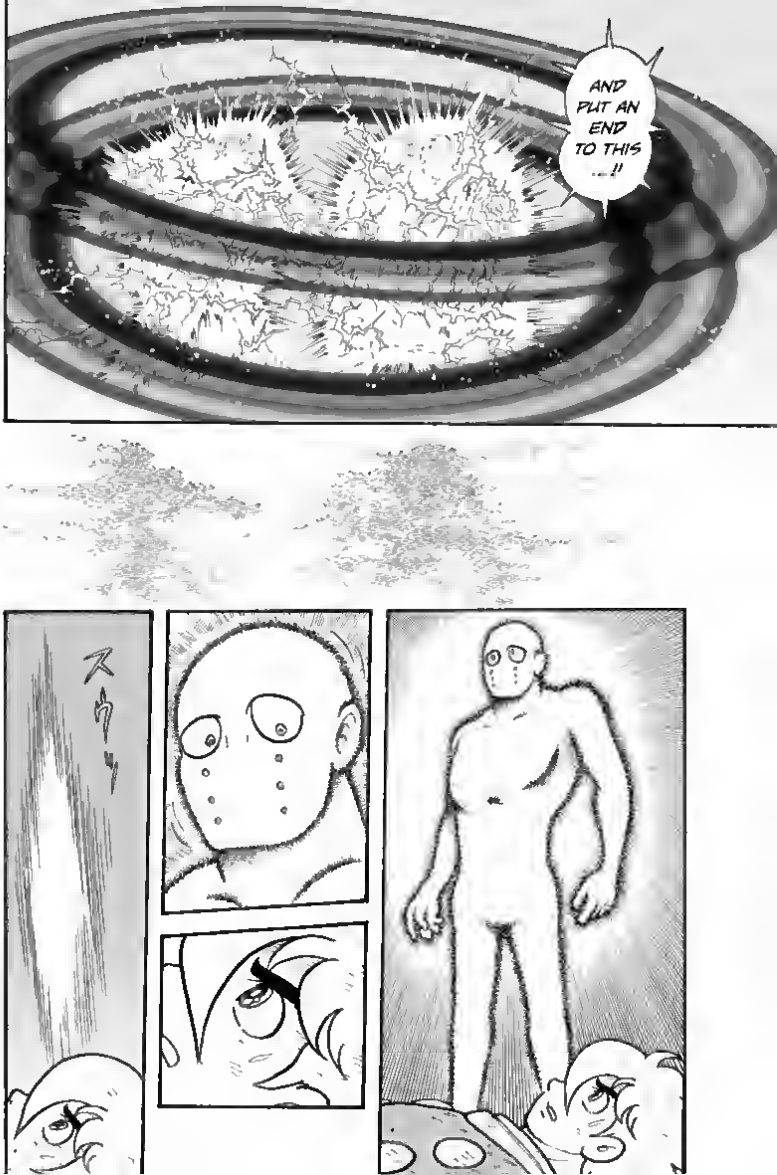
YOU FOUGHT WELL TO THE VERY END..
UP UNTIL YOUR FINAL BREATH..
WE SPIRITS WILL GATHER OUR AURA AGAINST YOUR FOES..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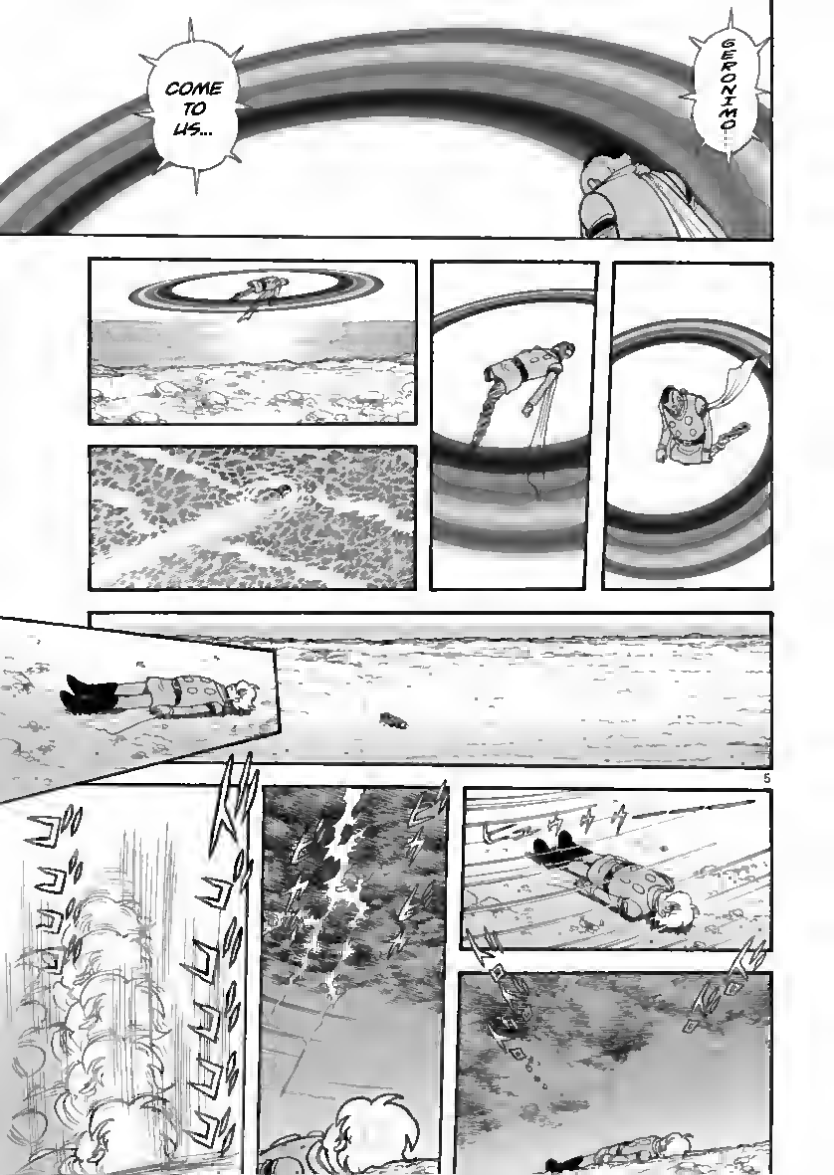
COME TO US...
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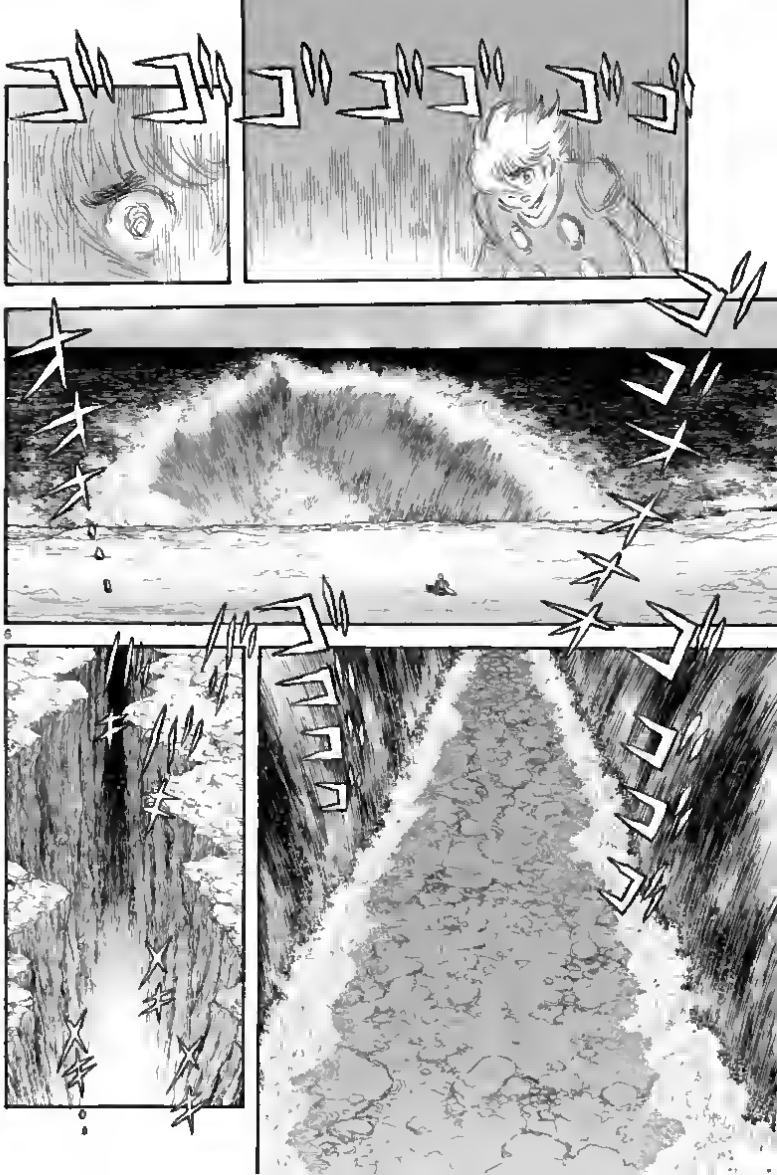
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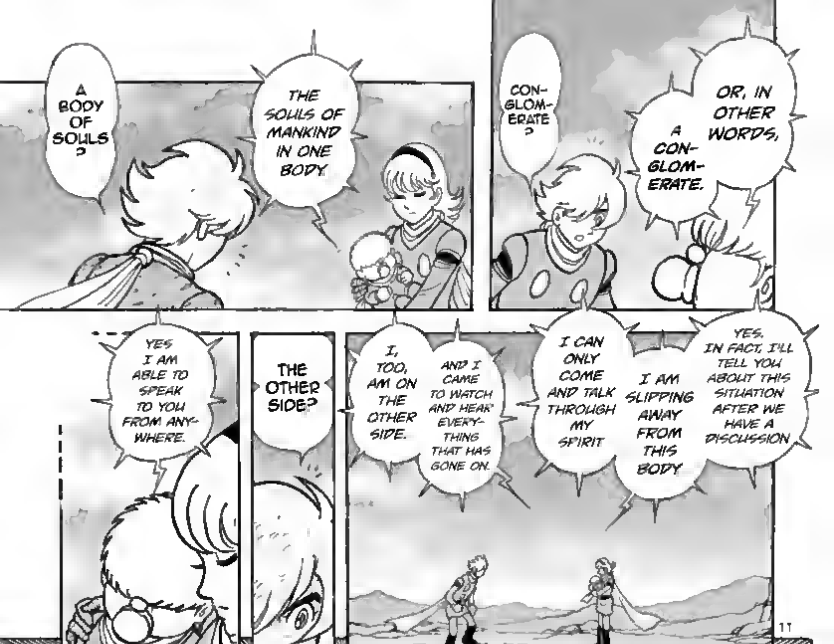
MORE
SO MANY MORE SODS
LIKE A MASS PRODUC-TION...

I CAN'T DO ANY MORE... THIS IS IT

FRAN-COISE
IVAN
JOE.
THAT WAS A CLOSE CALL.
YOU COULD SAY THAT IT REPRESENTS THE "CHIEF GOD"
A HUGE MASS OF HUMAN FACES... IT...
BACK THERE...
JUST NOW, IVAN WOKE UP.


A BODY OF SOULS?
THE SOULS OF MANKIND IN ONE BODY.
CONGLOMERATE?
A CONGLOMERATE.
OR, IN OTHER WORDS,
YES, I AM ABLE TO SPEAK TO YOU FROM ANYWHERE.
THE OTHER SIDE?
I, TOO, AM ON THE OTHER SIDE.
AND I CAME TO WATCH AND HEAR EVERYTHING THAT HAS GONE ON.
I CAN ONLY COME AND TALK THROUGH MY SPIRIT
I AM SLIPPING AWAY FROM THIS BODY
YES. IN FACT, I'LL TELL YOU ABOUT THIS SITUATION AFTER WE HAVE A DISCUSSION.
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...THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT. IVAN CALLED IT...

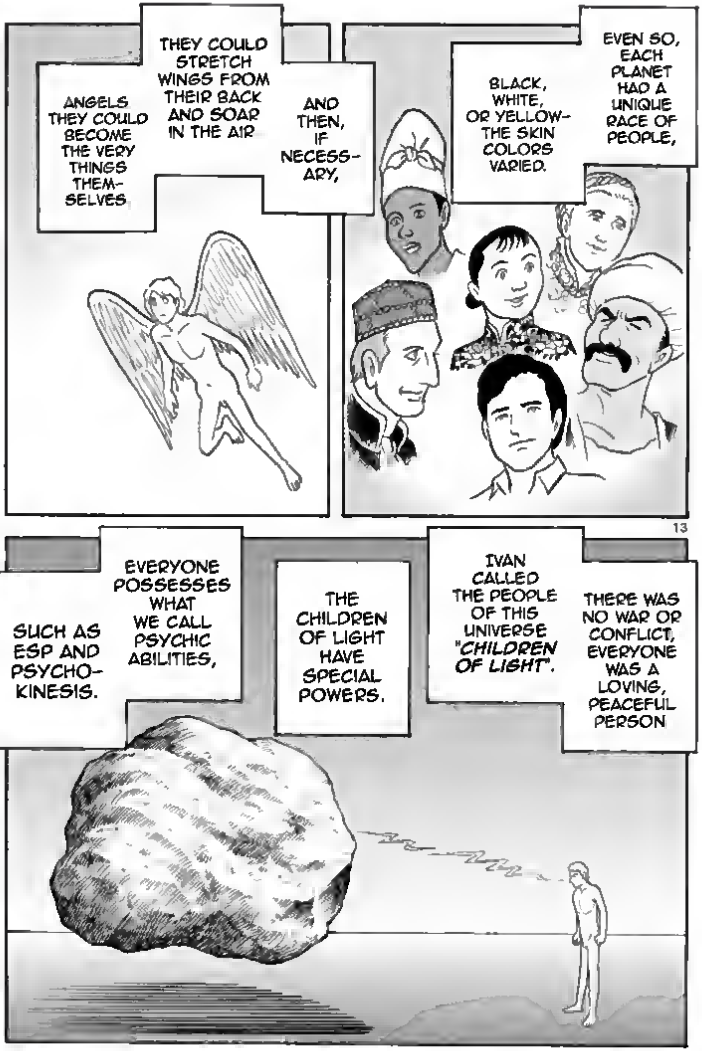
AND THAT THERE IS ANOTHER UNIVERSE THAT EXISTS.

TO START, HE SAID THAT THE UNIVERSE IN WHICH WE LIVE IS IN A DIFFERENT DIMENSION,

THE DETAILS OF WHICH WERE HARD TO BELIEVE.

IVAN BEGAN TO TELL A STORY OF EXTRAORDINARY THINGS,

IN THIS UNIVERSE, THE CONCEPT OF "NIGHT" DOES NOT EXIST.
EVERY-THING IS OVER-FLOWING WITH LIGHT.
THERE, THERE IS NO SUN, NOR ANY OTHER STARS.
OUR GALAXY, OUR PLANETARY SYSTEMS AND THE PLANETS WITHIN, ARE THE SAME IN THIS "UNIVERSE OF LIGHT".
THOUGH, JUST AS IN OUR UNIVERSE, OUR PLANETS,
AND ANIMALS ENJOYING LIFE.
RADIANT, VIVIDLY COLORFUL FLOWERS,
THERE WAS A PLANET THAT WAS ABUNDANT WITH LIFE,
LUSH, THICK VEGE-TATION;
WITH A COBALT-BLUE OCEAN,
MORE OF A "SPIRITUAL FORM".
THERE IS NO CONCEPT OF A PHYSICAL BODY.
WITH SKIN SO TRANS-PARENT YOU COULD SEE THROUGH IT
BUT THEY LOOK MORE SIMILAR TO DOLLS.
HUMANS ALSO EXISTED ON THIS PLANET.


ANGELS THEY COULD BECOME THE VERY THINGS THEM-SELVES.
THEY COULD STRETCH WINGS FROM THEIR BACK AND SOAR IN THE AIR
AND THEN, IF NECESS-ARY,
BLACK, WHITE, OR YELLOW- THE SKIN COLORS VARIED.
EVEN SO, EACH PLANET HAD A UNIQUE RACE OF PEOPLE,
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SUCH AS ESP AND PSYCHO-KINESIS.
EVERYONE POSSESSES WHAT WE CALL PSYCHIC ABILITIES,
THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT HAVE SPECIAL POWERS.
IVAN CALLED THE PEOPLE OF THIS UNIVERSE "CHILDREN OF LIGHT".
THERE WAS NO WAR OR CONFLICT, EVERYONE WAS A LOVING, PEACEFUL PERSON

WERE LIKE THOSE OF THE ANCIENT PYRAMIDS, AND MAYAN, INCA, AND AZTEC RUINS.
THE STRUCTURES THERE, IF COMPARED TO THOSE PRESENT ON OUR EARTH,
AND THUS, THAT UNIVERSE, ITS PLANETS, AND THEIR UNIQUE CIVILIZATIONS, PROSPERED.
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WITHOUT HAVING TO EXPERIENCE THE SLIGHTEST HINT OF STRESS
TIME FLOWED SLOWLY,
EVERY-THING WAS GIFTED WITH GOOD HEALTH AND EVER-LASTING LIFE
IN ADDITION, THERE WERE NO UNFORSEEN ACCIDENTS, NOR ANY ILLNESSES TO SUFFER FROM
VEHICLES, MAINLY SHAPED LIKE DISCS, FLEW IN THE SKIES WITH EACH OTHER.
IT WAS A PLACE DESERVING OF THE NAME PARADISE.
THE PEOPLE WERE CONTENT
IF WE SAW THEM, WE WOULD CALL THEM UFOS OR FLYING SAUCERS

AS WELL AS PLANNING TO INVADE THE OTHER PLANETS
KIDNAPPING PEOPLE FROM OTHER PLANETS AND ENSLAVING THEM,
DRIVEN BY AN EVIL HEART, THEY SOUGHT OUT THE POWER TO CONTROL,
HOWEVER, THERE CAME A POINT ON THAT PEACEFUL PLANET WHEN AN EXTREMIST APPEARED.
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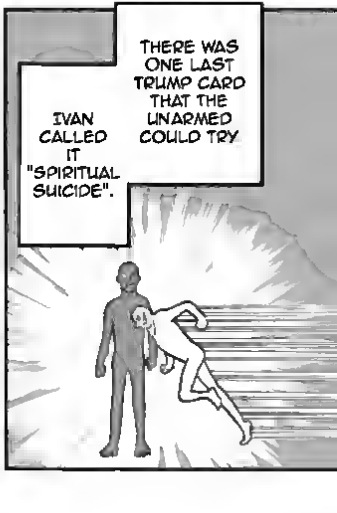
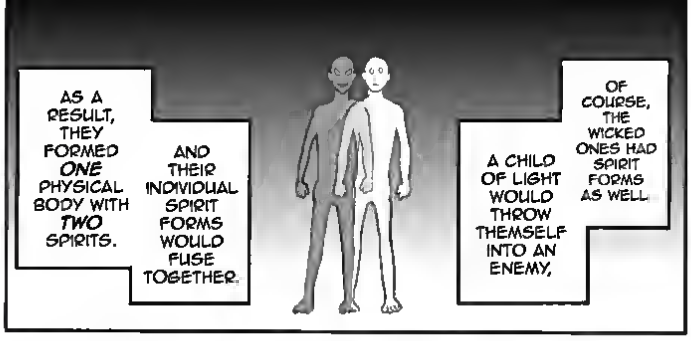
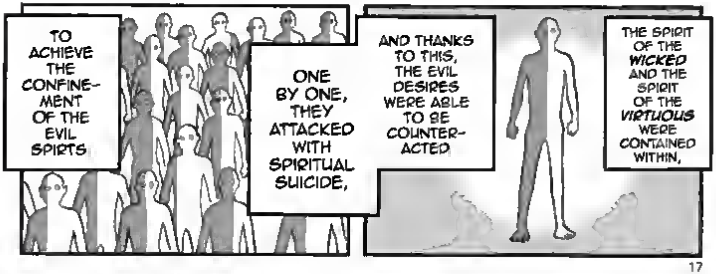
SHATTERING THE ONCE PEACEFUL UNIVERSE.
THEIR DESIRES CORRUPTED THEIR ABILITIES INTO EVIL POWERS,
THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE WITH THE SAME MOTIVES MULTIPLIED
THE WICKEDNESS WAS CONTAGIOUS.
AND MANUFACTURED WEAPONS TO REPEATEDLY AND BRUTALLY COMMIT MASSACRES.
THEY PILLAGED THE OTHER PLANETS
CAPTURED SLAVES.

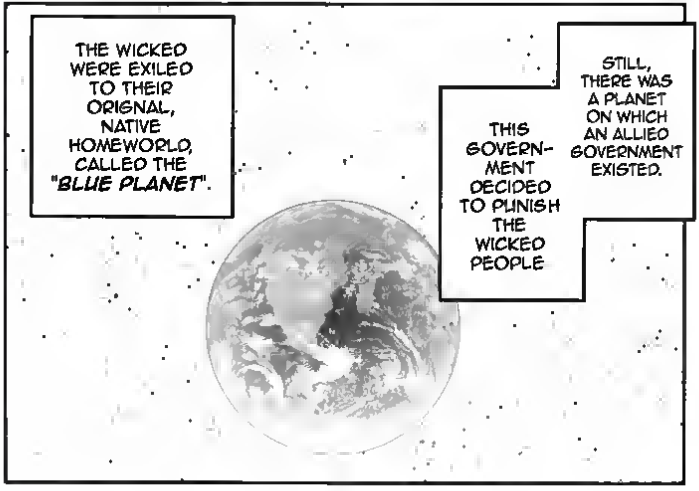
HOWEVER, THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT COULD NOT REMAIN SILENT.
UNAWARES TO THEM, THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT...
...CAME TO CALL THE OTHERS THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS.
IN OUR UNIVERSE, IT WOULD BE THE PLANET MARS.
IN THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT, THE PEOPLE OF THE "RED PLANET" WERE THE FIRST TO RAISE THEIR VOICES.
EACH PLANET GATHERED THEIR BRAVEST WARRIORS.
LAUNCHING THEIR FIRST AND ONLY STRATEGY.

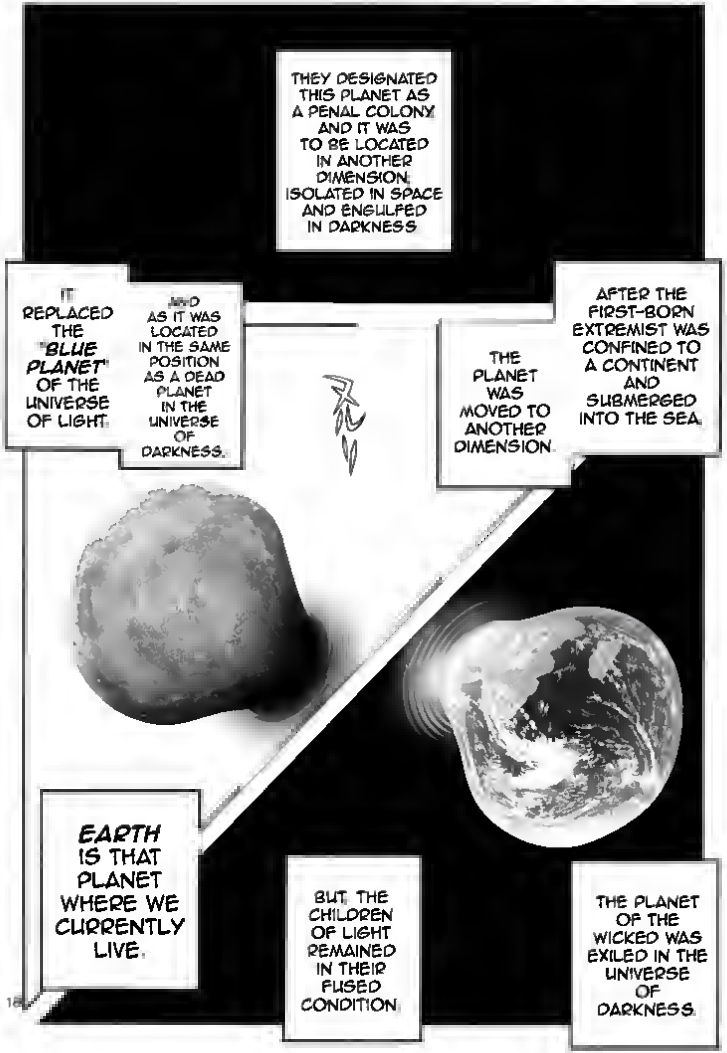
THE ABILITY WAS SOMETHING LIKE RESTRAINING THE WICKED HEART.
AN EXTREME MEASURE WHERE A BRAVE WARRIOR WOULD CARRY OUT A KAMIKAZE ATTACK, FUSING A WICKED SOUL WITH THEIR OWN.
BODIES OUTSIDE OF THEIR SPIRIT FORMS.
ORIGINALLY, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT DID NOT POSSESS.

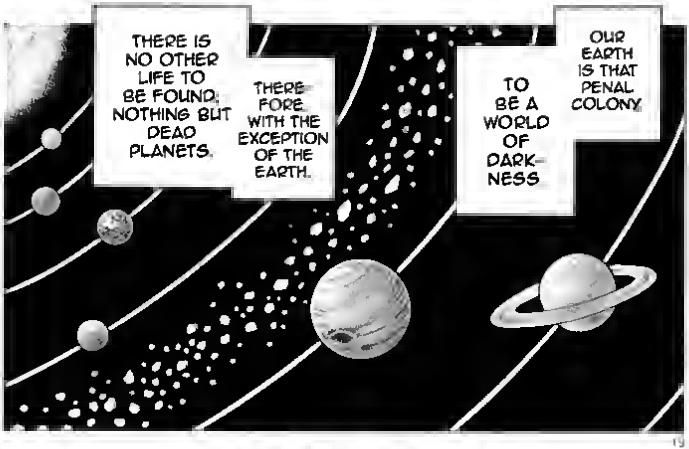

THERE WAS ONE LAST TRUMP CARD THAT THE UNARMED COULD TRY.
IVAN CALLED IT "SPIRITUAL SUICIDE".

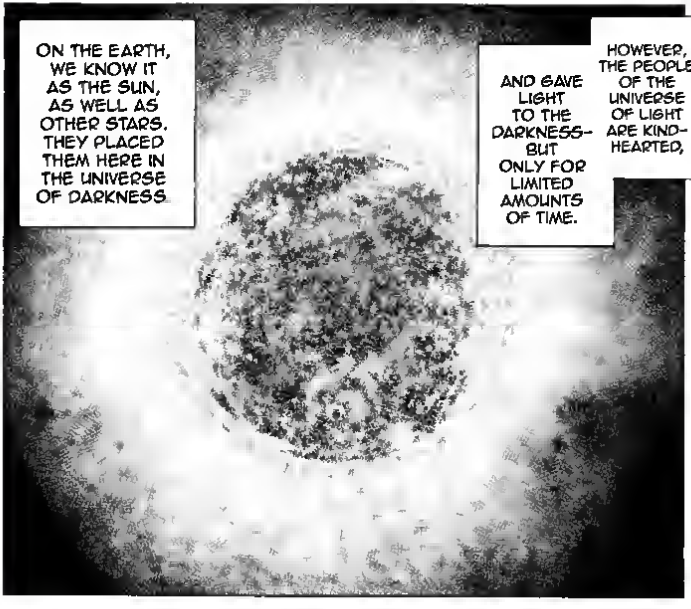

AS A RESULT, THEY FORMED ONE PHYSICAL BODY WITH TWO SPIRITS.
AND THEIR INDIVIDUAL SPIRIT FORMS WOULD FUSE TOGETHER.
OF COURSE, THE WICKED ONES HAD SPIRIT FORMS AS WELL.
A CHILD OF LIGHT WOULD THROW THEMSELF INTO AN ENEMY,

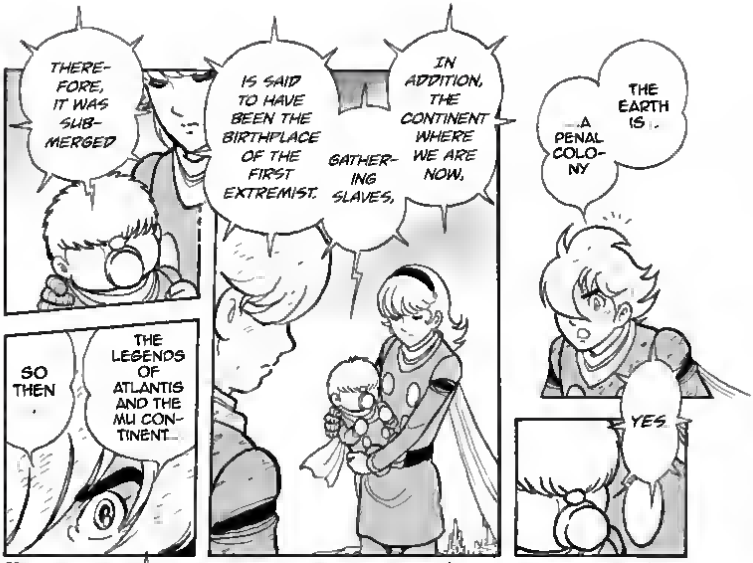

TO ACHIEVE THE CONFINE-MENT OF THE EVIL SPIRTS
ONE BY ONE, THEY ATTACKED WITH SPIRITUAL SUICIDE,
AND THANKS TO THIS, THE EVIL DESIRES WERE ABLE TO BE COUNTER-ACTED
THE SPIRIT OF THE WICKED AND THE SPIRIT OF THE VIRTUOUS WERE CONTAINED WITHIN,

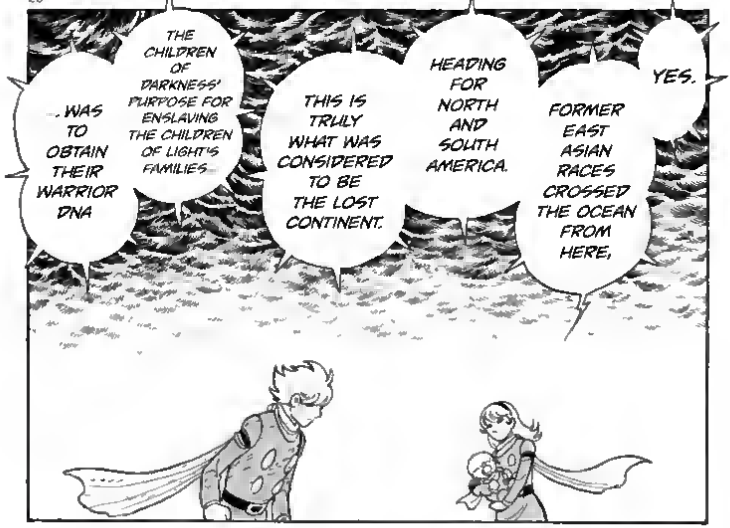

THE WICKED WERE EXILED TO THEIR ORIGNAL, NATIVE HOMEWORLD, CALLED THE "BLUE PLANET".
THIS GOVERN-MENT DECIDED TO PUNISH THE WICKED PEOPLE
STILL, THERE WAS A PLANET ON WHICH AN ALLIED GOVERNMENT EXISTED.

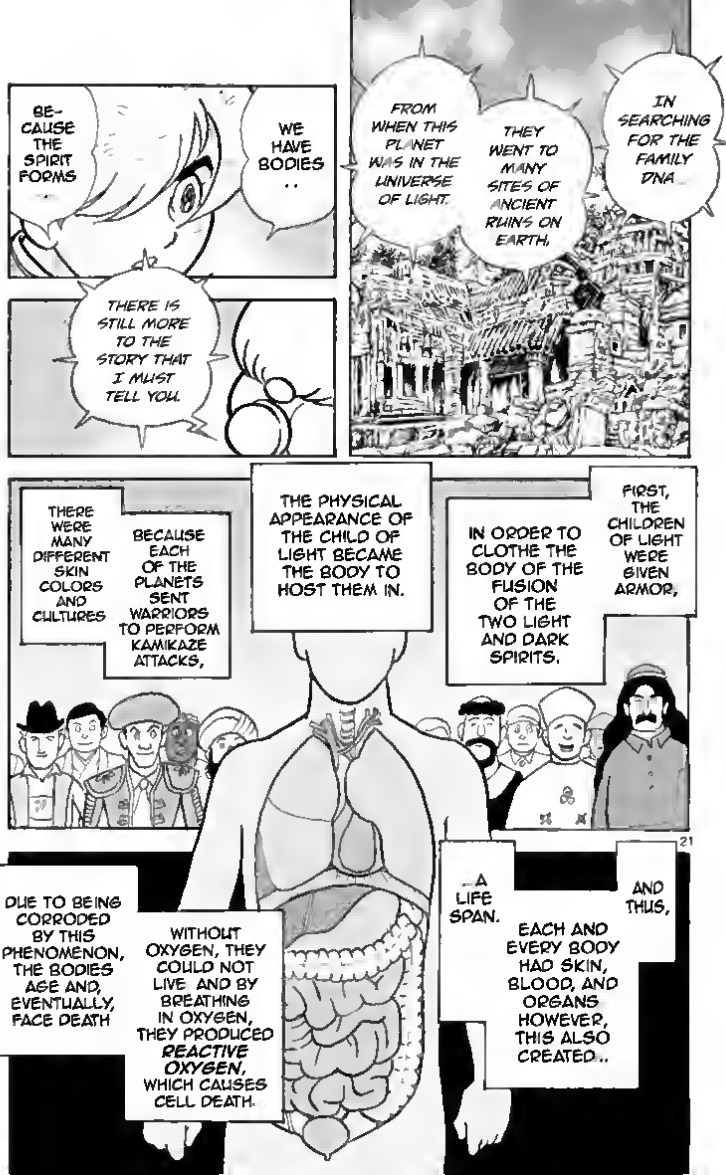

THEY DESIGNATED THIS PLANET AS A PENAL COLONY AND IT WAS TO BE LOCATED IN ANOTHER DIMENSION. ISOLATED IN SPACE AND ENGULFED IN DARKNESS.
IT REPLACED THE "BLUE PLANET" OF THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
AND AS IT WAS LOCATED IN THE SAME POSITION AS A DEAD PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE OF DARKNESS.
THE PLANET WAS MOVED TO ANOTHER DIMENSION.
AFTER THE FIRST-BORN EXTREMIST WAS CONFINED TO A CONTINENT AND SUBMERGED INTO THE SEA.
EARTH IS THAT PLANET WHERE WE CURRENTLY LIVE.
BUT THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT REMAINED IN THEIR FUSED CONDITION.
THE PLANET OF THE WICKED WAS EXILED IN THE UNIVERSE OF DARKNESS.


THERE IS NO OTHER LIFE TO BE FOUND; NOTHING BUT DEAD PLANETS.
THERE-FORE, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE EARTH.
OUR EARTH IS THAT PENAL COLONY
TO BE A WORLD OF DARK-NESS


ON THE EARTH, WE KNOW IT AS THE SUN, AS WELL AS OTHER STARS. THEY PLACED THEM HERE IN THE UNIVERSE OF DARKNESS.
AND GAVE LIGHT TO THE DARKNESS-BUT ONLY FOR LIMITED AMOUNTS OF TIME.
HOWEVER, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT ARE KIND-HEARTED,


THEREFORE, IT WAS SUBMERGED
IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN THE BIRTHPLACE OF THE FIRST EXTREMIST.
GATHERING SLAVES,
IN ADDITION, THE CONTINENT WHERE WE ARE NOW,
THE EARTH IS A PENAL COLONY
SO THEN
THE LEGENDS OF ATLANTIS AND THE MU CONTINENT
YES


...WAS TO OBTAIN THEIR WARRIOR DNA
THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS' PURPOSE FOR ENSLAVING THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT'S FAMILIES...
THIS IS TRULY WHAT WAS CONSIDERED TO BE THE LOST CONTINENT.
HEADING FOR NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICA.
FORMER EAST ASIAN RACES CROSSED THE OCEAN FROM HERE,
YES.


BE-CAUSE THE SPIRIT FORMS
WE HAVE BODIES . .
THERE IS STILL MORE TO THE STORY THAT I MUST TELL YOU.
FROM WHEN THIS PLANET WAS IN THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
THEY WENT TO MANY SITES OF ANCIENT RUINS ON EARTH.
IN SEARCHING FOR THE FAMILY DNA
THERE WERE MANY DIFFERENT SKIN COLORS AND CULTURES
BECAUSE EACH OF THE PLANETS SENT WARRIORS TO PERFORM KAMIKAZE ATTACKS,
THE PHYSICAL APPEARANCE OF THE CHILD OF LIGHT BECAME THE BODY TO HOST THEM IN.
IN ORDER TO CLOTHE THE BODY OF THE FUSION OF THE TWO LIGHT AND DARK SPIRITS.
FIRST, THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT WERE GIVEN ARMOR,
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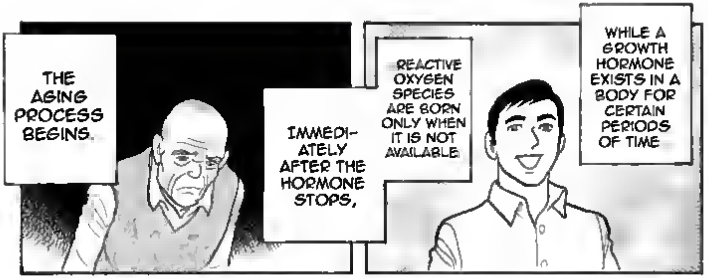
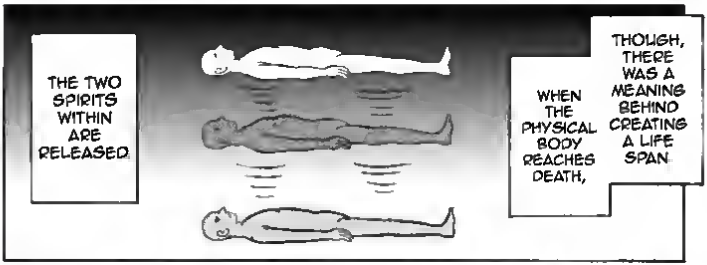
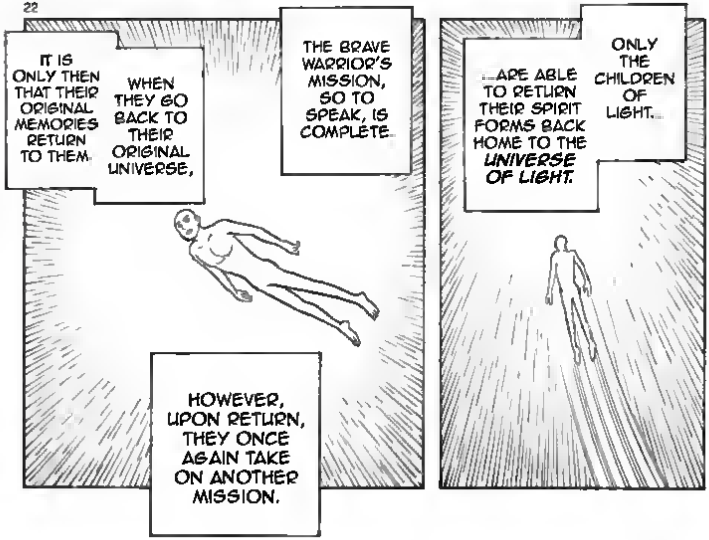
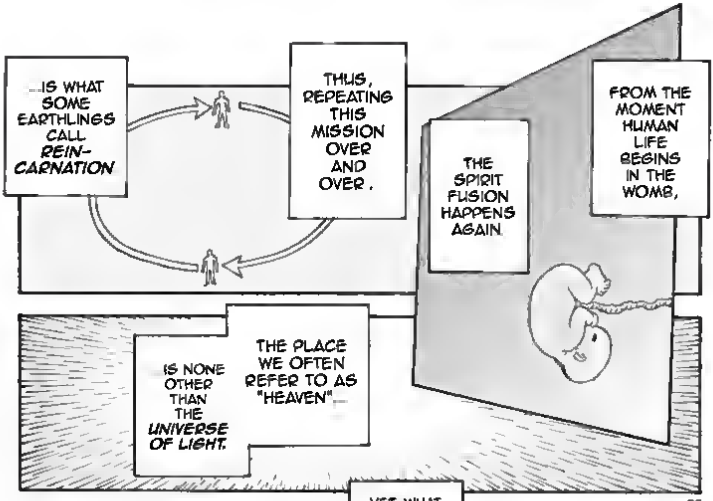
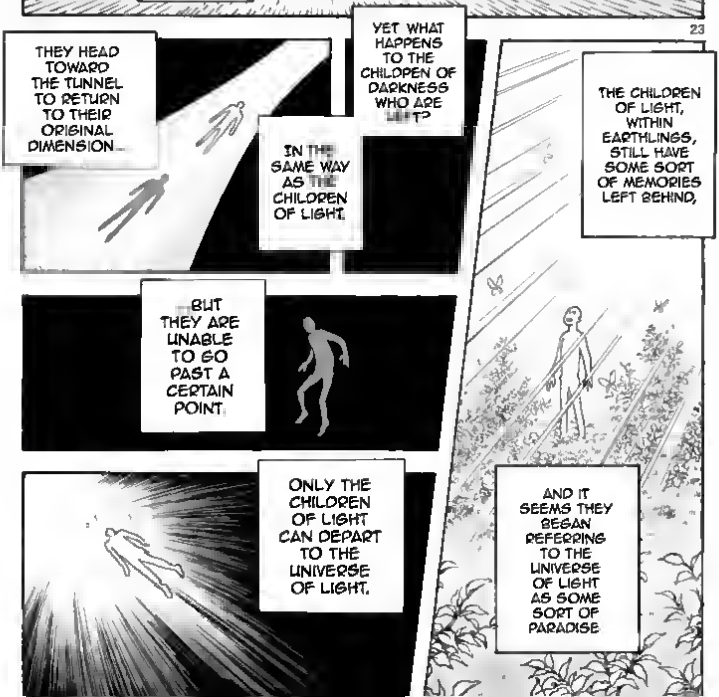
DUE TO BEING CORRODED BY THIS PHENOMENON, THE BODIES AGE AND, EVENTUALLY, FACE DEATH
WITHOUT OXYGEN, THEY COULD NOT LIVE AND BY BREATHING IN OXYGEN, THEY PRODUCED REACTIVE OXYGEN, WHICH CAUSES CELL DEATH.
A LIFE SPAN.
AND THUS,
EACH AND EVERY BODY HAD SKIN, BLOOD, AND ORGANS HOWEVER, THIS ALSO CREATED..

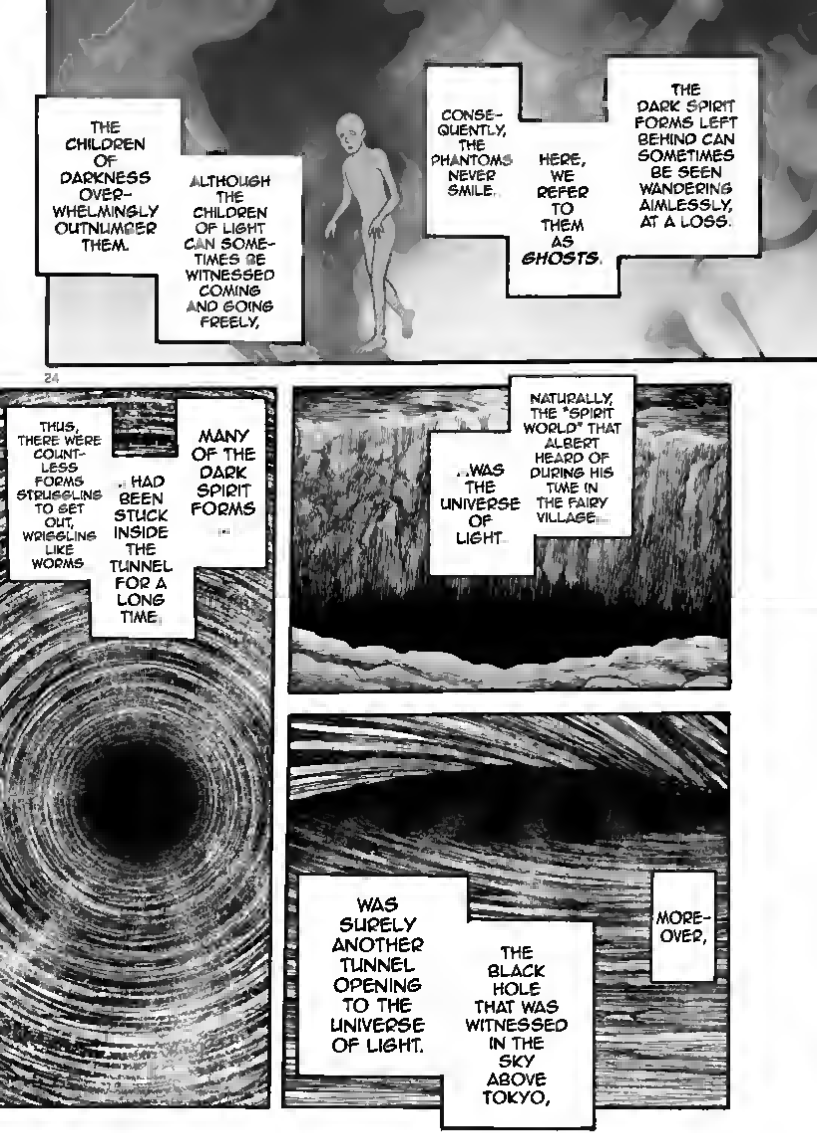

THE AGING PROCESS BEGINS.
IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE HORMONE STOPS,
REACTIVE OXYGEN SPECIES ARE BORN ONLY WHEN IT IS NOT AVAILABLE.
WHILE A GROWTH HORMONE EXISTS IN A BODY FOR CERTAIN PERIODS OF TIME


THE TWO SPIRITS WITHIN ARE RELEASED.
WHEN THE PHYSICAL BODY REACHES DEATH,
THOUGH, THERE WAS A MEANING BEHIND CREATING A LIFE SPAN.


IT IS ONLY THEN THAT THEIR ORIGINAL MEMORIES RETURN TO THEM.
WHEN THEY GO BACK TO THEIR ORIGINAL UNIVERSE,
THE BRAVE WARRIOR'S MISSION, SO TO SPEAK, IS COMPLETE.
...ARE ABLE TO RETURN THEIR SPIRIT FORMS BACK HOME TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
ONLY THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT...
HOWEVER, UPON RETURN, THEY ONCE AGAIN TAKE ON ANOTHER MISSION.


...IS WHAT SOME EARTHLINGS CALL REIN-CARNATION
THUS, REPEATING THIS MISSION OVER AND OVER.
THE SPIRIT FUSION HAPPENS AGAIN.
FROM THE MOMENT HUMAN LIFE BEGINS IN THE WOMB,
IS NONE OTHER THAN THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
THE PLACE WE OFTEN REFER TO AS "HEAVEN"...


THEY HEAD TOWARD THE TUNNEL TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL DIMENSION...
YET WHAT HAPPENS TO THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS WHO ARE [illegible]T?
IN THE SAME WAY AS THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT.
...BUT THEY ARE UNABLE TO GO PAST A CERTAIN POINT.
ONLY THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT CAN DEPART TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT, WITHIN EARTHLINGS, STILL HAVE SOME SORT OF MEMORIES LEFT BEHIND.
AND IT SEEMS THEY BEGAN REFERRING TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT AS SOME SORT OF PARADISE


THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS OVER-WHELMINGLY OUTNUMBER THEM.
ALTHOUGH THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT CAN SOME-TIMES BE WITNESSED COMING AND GOING FREELY,
CONSE-QUENTLY, THE PHANTOMS NEVER SMILE.
HERE, WE REFER TO THEM AS GHOSTS.
THE DARK SPIRIT FORMS LEFT BEHIND CAN SOMETIMES BE SEEN WANDERING AIMLESSLY, AT A LOSS.
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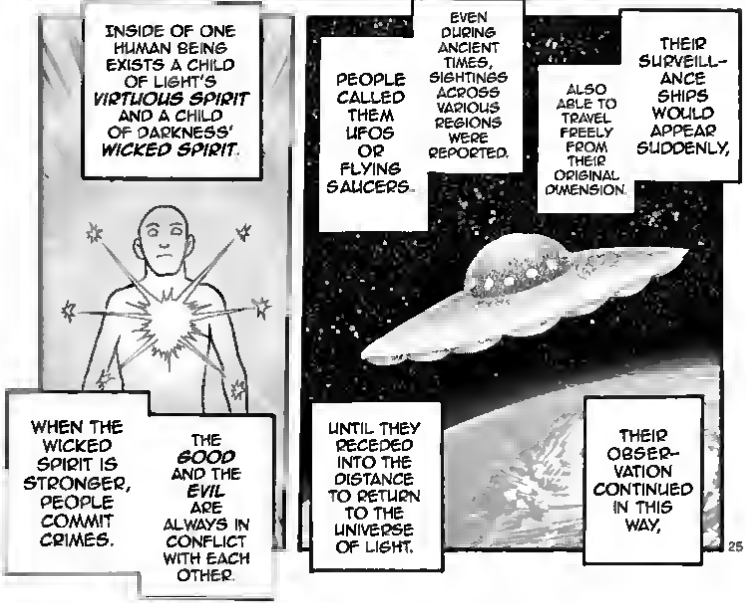
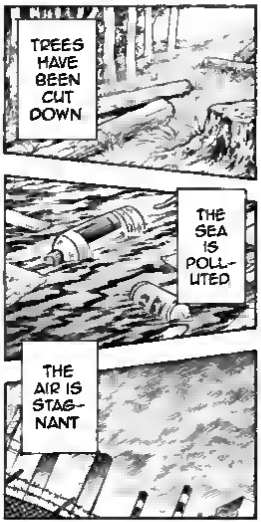
THUS, THERE WERE COUNT-LESS FORMS STRUGGLING TO GET OUT, WRIGGLING LIKE WORMS
..HAD BEEN STUCK INSIDE THE TUNNEL FOR A LONG TIME.
MANY OF THE DARK SPIRIT FORMS
NATURALLY, THE "SPIRIT WORLD" THAT ALBERT HEARD OF DURING HIS TIME IN THE FAIRY VILLAGE...
...WAS THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
WAS SURELY ANOTHER TUNNEL OPENING TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
THE BLACK HOLE THAT WAS WITNESSED IN THE SKY ABOVE TOKYO,
MORE-OVER,

KNOWING THIS, THE PEOPLE OF THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT CONTINUED TO OBSERVE THE PLANET.
AND THEREFORE, THEY EXISTED THERE IN THAT STATE, THE ENTIRE TIME.
THE PLANET ITSELF PROMISED TO RETURN THEM TO THEIR ORIGINAL UNIVERSE, TOO.
---THE REMOVAL OF THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS WITH THEIR WICKED HEARTS, IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN AN ENDLESS TIME OF HARMONY WITH ONLY THOSE WHO POSSESSED LOVING, PEACEFUL SPIRITS---
BACK WHEN THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT HAD AGREED TO THE EXILE---


INSIDE OF ONE HUMAN BEING EXISTS A CHILD OF LIGHT'S VIRTUOUS SPIRIT AND A CHILD OF DARKNESS' WICKED SPIRIT.
WHEN THE WICKED SPIRIT IS STRONGER, PEOPLE COMMIT CRIMES.
THE GOOD AND THE EVIL ARE ALWAYS IN CONFLICT WITH EACH OTHER.
PEOPLE CALLED THEM UFOS OR FLYING SAUCERS.
EVEN DURING ANCIENT TIMES, SIGHTINGS ACROSS VARIOUS REGIONS WERE REPORTED.
ALSO ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY FROM THEIR ORIGINAL DIMENSION.
THEIR SURVEILLANCE SHIPS WOULD APPEAR SUDDENLY,
UNTIL THEY RECEDED INTO THE DISTANCE TO RETURN TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.
THEIR OBSERVATION CONTINUED IN THIS WAY,

PEOPLE OF THAT NATURE ARE OFTEN REFERRED TO AS GODS.
SUCH AS JESUS OR BUDDHA, TRYING TO GUIDE THE MASSES TOWARDS RIGHTEOUSNESS AND VIRTUE.
ACROSS VARIOUS PLACES, PEOPLE POSSESSING EXTRAORDINARY ABILITIES HAVE APPEARED.
THOSE WITH A CHILD OF LIGHT'S VIRTUOUS SPIRIT IN PERFECT CONTROL.
BUT, THERE ARE TIMES WHEN SOME PEOPLE DISPLAY EXCEPTIONAL PROMINENCE,


TREES HAVE BEEN CUT DOWN
THE SEA IS POLLUTED
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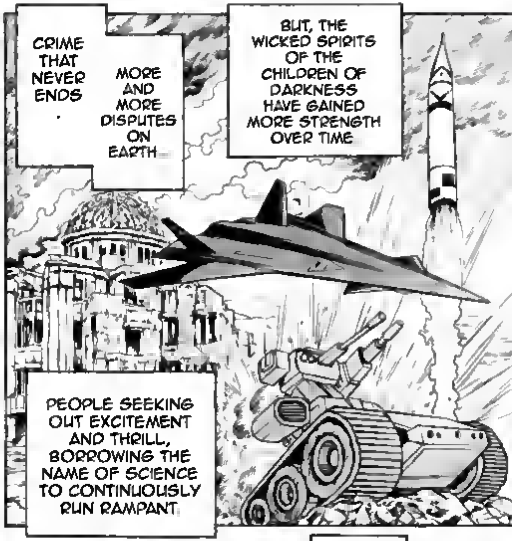
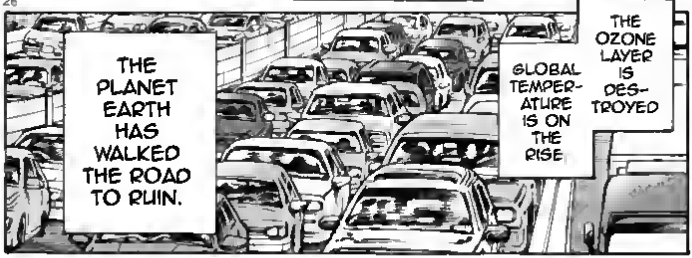

CRIME THAT NEVER ENDS
MORE AND MORE DISPUTES ON EARTH
BUT, THE WICKED SPIRITS OF THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS HAVE GAINED MORE STRENGTH OVER TIME
PEOPLE SEEKING OUT EXCITEMENT AND THRILL, BORROWING THE NAME OF SCIENCE TO CONTINUOUSLY RUN RAMPANT.


THE PLANET EARTH HAS WALKED THE ROAD TO RUIN.
GLOBAL TEMPERATURE IS ON THE RISE
THE OZONE LAYER IS DESTROYED

OR, POSSIBLY, THE WICKED SPIRITS HAVE MANIFESTED INTO THEIR VERY SPIRIT FORMS THEMSELVES.
AND FINALLY,
THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS HAVE SPIRITUAL DOMINANCE
THEY ...
BUT
THE WAY THEY ALL LOOKED ...
IT WOULD BE MORE APPROPRIATE TO CALL THEM DEMONS
SIMPLY PUT, THESE .. ARE NOT GODS.
THEN
WHAT WE'VE BEEN CALLING "GODS" ...
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IT'S POSSIBLE THEY IMITATED THE FORMS OF SUCH PEOPLE IN ORDER TO STRIKE FEAR
PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD WHO WERE WORSHIPPED..
THEREFORE, THEY CAN CHANGE INTO ANY FORM THEY WISH
THE SPIRIT FORMS DO NOT POSSESS BODIES OR FLESH.
AND THE CHILD OF LIGHT COULD RETURN.
WHEN THE CRYSTALS CAME TOGETHER AS A SET, THEY CAUSED "DEATH"
GOOD AND EVIL
IN FRANCE, WHEN I MET ALAN. HE WAS ACTUALLY TWO PEOPLE
WHEN I THINK BACK NOW,

THERE WERE TWO PEOPLE INSIDE OF HER
HIMIKO, AND... HISUI...
BECAUSE SHE FEARED THE INCREASING NUMBER OF THE WICKED SPIRIT FORMS.
THE ONE OBSERVING WAS ALAN'S MOTHER.
SHE WAS AFRAID THAT THE CRYSTALS WOULD FALL INTO THE WRONG HANDS.
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IT ALL FITS IN WITH THE MYSTERIOUS CIRCUM-STANCES OUR FRIENDS ENCOUNT-ERED, TOO
BUT IT WAS BECAUSE EASTER ISLAND IS PART OF THE SACRED PLACE, WHERE THE FIRST CHILD OF DARKNESS WAS BORN!
I HADN'T THOUGHT MUCH ABOUT IT.
THE MOAI, TOO
BECAUSE SHE WANTED TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EVIL SPIRITS!
ONE SPURRED ON THE RATE OF SUICIDE.
EVEN THOUGH THEY WERE INNOCENT, THEY WERE CAUGHT UP IN THE EXILE.
BUT THE EXILE WAS UNEXPECT-EDLY ABRUPT
ON OTHER PLANETS, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN SIMILAR CREATURES,
ARE CREATURES OF THE EARTH DURING THE TIME THE PLANET WAS IN THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT
THE YETI AND THE FAIRIES,

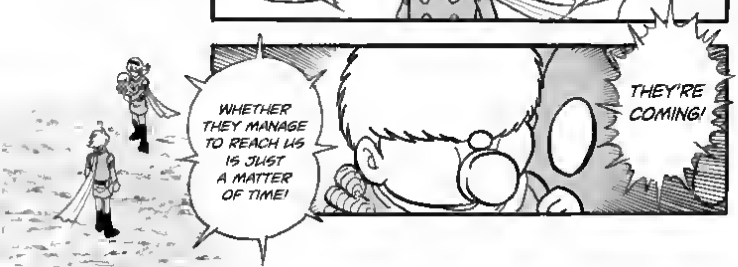
THE EVIL SPIRIT FORM USED THE GOOD IN GERONIMO TO MANIPULATE HIM TO ITS WISHES IN ORDER TO EXACERBATE THE TRAGEDY.
IN HIS PARTNER, MICKEY'S, CASE...
WANTING TO INCREASE THE NUMBER OF EVIL SPIRITS!
IT HAD TO HAVE BEEN FOR THE SAME REASON THAT THEY HAPPENED IN JAPAN, AND THEN THE REST OF THE WORLD.
THE VILLAGE GERONIMO ENCOUNTERED HAD BEEN DEALING WITH NUMEROUS SUICIDES.
THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT ESCAPED AND TOOK REFUGE FROM THE MASSACRES.
BROUGHT BY THE SLAVES FROM THE RED PLANET IN THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT
PYLINMA ENCOUNTERED PYRAMIDS IN THE DEEP SEA,
IN ORDER TO TRY AND SEND FOR OTHERS TO TAKE REFUGE AS WELL.
OPERATING THE EQUIPMENT AT FIXED INTERVALS
IN THE FUTURE, THE PYRAMIDS WOULD TRAVEL UP THROUGH THE OCEAN, WITH THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT
AND WERE SENT TO THE PYRAMIDS.
ONE HALF OF THE SPIRITS WITHIN HUMANS– THE CHILD OF LIGHT'S HALF– REACTED TO THE CALL,
IT WENT EVEN FURTHER, AND SHOWED HIM A COMPLEX DREAM
BRITAIN AND THE DARK SPIRIT HE SAW.
IN THE END, WHAT BRITAIN SAW WAS PROBABLY A PLOY SET UP BY THE CHILD OF DARKNESS.
IN THE DREAM, HE MET MIKE AND WAS TOLD OF THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT'S HISTORY

BEGINNING THEIR OPERATION.
AND THEN THEY REACTED TO THE UNMANNED MARS LANDER THAT ARRIVED ON THE PLANET,
BUT INSTEAD THEY CONSTRUCTED SURVEILLANCE PYRAMIDS ON MARS.
SO THEY USED THEIR ESP POWERS WITH THE INTENT TO GO BACK TO THE RED PLANET OF THEIR HOME UNIVERSE,
THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT HIDING IN THE DEEP SEA OF THE BLUE PLANET HAD NO IDEA IT WAS BEING EXILED...

AND THE JUDGEMENT WAS MADE TO SUMMON THE DISASTER
GUIDED BY THE EVIL SPIRITS, THEY LANDED ON MARS WHERE BOWMAN WAS STANDING,
THE MONITORING PYRAMIDS SENT A SIGNAL...
—TO ATTACK WHEN A FOREIGN BEING APPEARED.

IVAN RUSHED TO TELL THE TWO OF THE PRESENT SITUATION.

EVENTUALLY, THEY WOULD LIKELY TRY TO PULL IN ALLIES—
...IF THINGS WENT ACCORDING TO PLAN.
WARRIORS HAD BEEN MARKED BY THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS, SELF-PROCLAIMING THEMSELVES AS "GODS"—
IT WASN'T JUST PYUNMA, EITHER.



IVAN HAD ASKED, "WHY HAVE THE CHILDREN OF DARKNESS MAINTAINED SUCH POWERFUL STRENGTH?" AND HE LEARNED THE ANSWER.
ALAN SERVES AS AN OBSERVER FOR THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT'S GOVERNMENT.
IVAN HAD CONTACTED ALAN, WHO FRANCOISE ENCOUNTERED IN FRANCE.
HE WAS TOLD GRAVE INFORMATION.
ALAN TRAILED OFF, CHOKING ON HIS NEXT WORDS
"OR... ..."
"AND BEFORE THE DEADLINE IS REACHED, THEY MUST MAKE A DECISION."
". IS DECEMBER 23RD, 2012."
"THE DEADLINE, IN TERMS OF EARTH'S CALENDAR ..."
"THE GOVERNMENT SET AN EXPIRATION DATE."
...IS TO DESTROY THE PLANET ITSELF
BECAUSE THE ONLY OTHER OPTION ...
"DO WE RETURN EARTH TO ITS ORIGINAL UNIVERSE OF LIGHT?"
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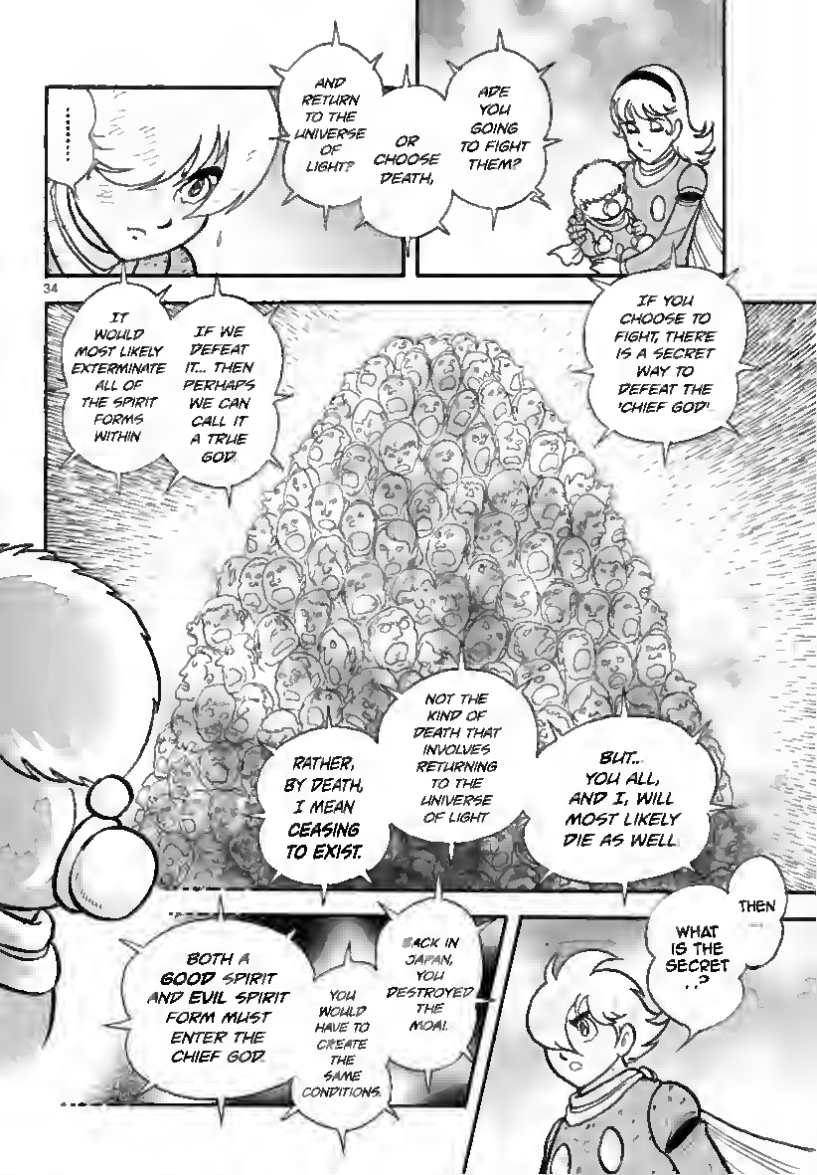
...CHOSE THE LATTER OPTION.
AND THE PEOPLE OF THE GOVERNMENT...
SO NOTHING BUT THE HEAVIEST PUNISHMENT WILL SUFFICE.
. IN THEIR EYES, WE EARTHLINGS ARE TOO FAR DOWN THE ROAD OF CORRUPTION TO BE REFORMED.
THE GOVERNMENT ...

IN SHORT, IT'S A MASS EVACUATION FROM THIS PLANET..
OR, MAYBE, HUMANS HAVE BEEN KILLED ONE BY ONE, IN ORDER FOR THE CHILDREN OF LIGHT TO RETURN TO THEIR ORIGINAL UNIVERSE.
THE NUMEROUS NATURAL DISASTERS HAVE CAUSED MANY HUMANS TO COMMIT SUICIDE,
THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT'S UNIFIED GOVERN-MENT HAS BEEN PLANNING
THE EVIL SPIRITS HAVE BEEN AMPLIFIED, CREATING LARGER "DARK GODS".
AND THE ONES GOVERNING THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT..
WE SHOULD BE SPIRITS OF VIRTUE
TO ENSURE THAT, IN ITS LAST MOMENTS, THE EARTH WILL BE DESTROYED WITH ONLY CHILDREN OF DARKNESS REMAINING
THEY SENTENCED US TO A CRUEL FATE
—ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO REHABILITATE THE VIRTUE AND RIGHTEOUS-NESS BUT INSTEAD..
THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT HAS SENTENCED US TO DEATH.
IN SPITE OF EVERYTHING, THERE ARE STILL MANY GOOD AND VIRTUOUS HUMAN BEINGS!
WE'RE NOT ONLY MADE UP OF BAD PEOPLE!

WHO THE HELL WERE WE EVEN FIGHTING AGAINST ...?!
WHAT WERE WE.....
...WHAT...
...
WHAT IS "JUSTICE" ...?
WHAT IS "EVIL"?
WHAT IS "GOOD"?

IT SEEMS BETTER TO *PITY* THEM INSTEAD.
TO KEEP FIGHTING AGAINST THESE MONSTER-LIKE GODS..

ARE THE PEOPLE WHO GOVERN THAT UNIVERSE THE TRUE "GODS"?!
THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT.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AND RETURN TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT?
OR CHOOSE DEATH,
ARE YOU GOING TO FIGHT THEM?
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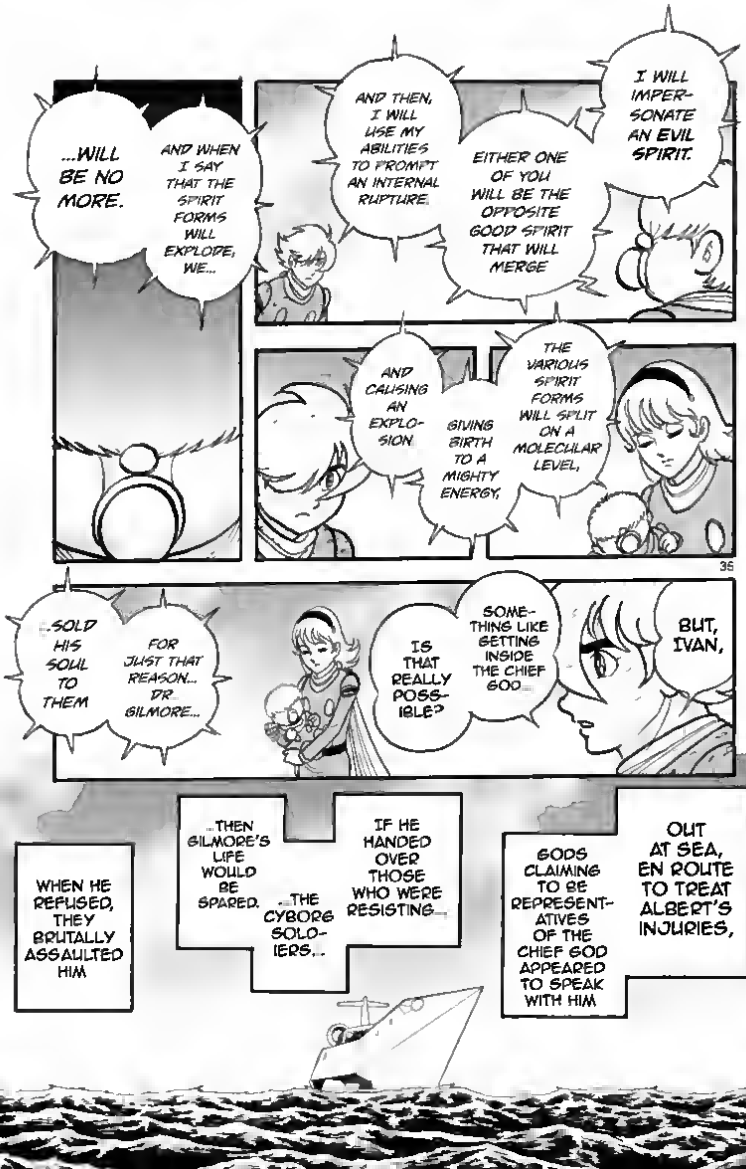
IT WOULD MOST LIKELY EXTERMINATE ALL OF THE SPIRIT FORMS WITHIN
IF WE DEFEAT IT... THEN PERHAPS WE CAN CALL IT A TRUE GOD
IF YOU CHOOSE TO FIGHT, THERE IS A SECRET WAY TO DEFEAT THE 'CHIEF GOD'.
RATHER, BY DEATH, I MEAN CEASING TO EXIST.
NOT THE KIND OF DEATH THAT INVOLVES RETURNING TO THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT
BUT... YOU ALL, AND I, WILL MOST LIKELY DIE AS WELL
BOTH A GOOD SPIRIT AND EVIL SPIRIT FORM MUST ENTER THE CHIEF GOD
YOU WOULD HAVE TO CREATE THE SAME CONDITIONS.
BACK IN JAPAN, YOU DESTROYED THE MOAI.
THEN
WHAT IS THE SECRET ..?


...WILL BE NO MORE.
AND WHEN I SAY THAT THE SPIRIT FORMS WILL EXPLODE, WE...
AND THEN, I WILL USE MY ABILITIES TO PROMPT AN INTERNAL RUPTURE.
EITHER ONE OF YOU WILL BE THE OPPOSITE GOOD SPIRIT THAT WILL MERGE
I WILL IMPER-SONATE AN EVIL SPIRIT.
AND CAUSING AN EXPLO-SION.
GIVING BIRTH TO A MIGHTY ENERGY.
THE VARIOUS SPIRIT FORMS WILL SPLIT ON A MOLECULAR LEVEL,
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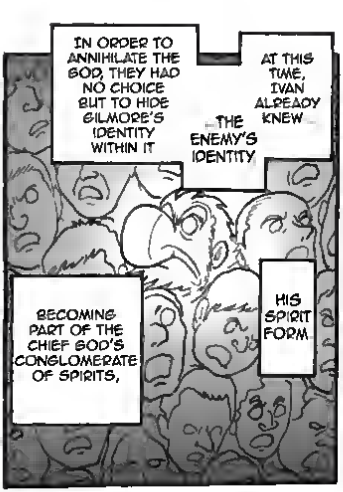
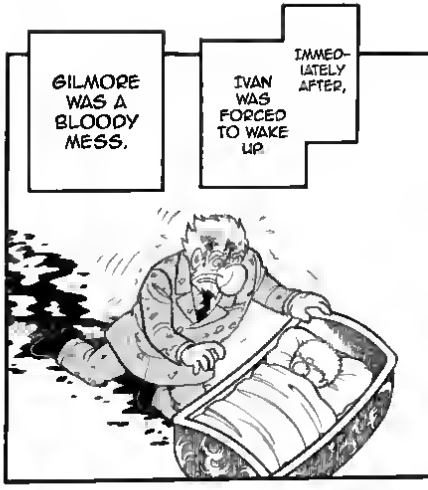
...SOLD HIS SOUL TO THEM
FOR JUST THAT REASON... DR GILMORE...
IS THAT REALLY POSS-IBLE?
SOME-THING LIKE GETTING INSIDE THE CHIEF GOD...
BUT, IVAN,
WHEN HE REFUSED, THEY BRUTALLY ASSAULTED HIM
...THEN GILMORE'S LIFE WOULD BE SPARED.
...THE CYBORG SOLDI-ERS...
IF HE HANDED OVER THOSE WHO WERE RESISTING...
GODS CLAIMING TO BE REPRESENT-ATIVES OF THE CHIEF GOD APPEARED TO SPEAK WITH HIM
OUT AT SEA, EN ROUTE TO TREAT ALBERT'S INJURIES,


IN ORDER TO ANNIHILATE THE GOD, THEY HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO HIDE GILMORE'S IDENTITY WITHIN IT
AT THIS TIME, IVAN ALREADY KNEW THE ENEMY'S IDENTITY
HIS SPIRIT FORM
BECOMING PART OF THE CHIEF GOD'S CONGLOMERATE OF SPIRITS,


GILMORE WAS A BLOODY MESS.
IVAN WAS FORCED TO WAKE UP
IMMEDIATELY AFTER,

THE IDEA WAS PROPOSED BY IVAN,
ALLOWING THE INTERNAL DESTRUCTION TO TAKE PLACE
IVAN'S SPIRIT BODY WOULD INVADE INSIDE,
FROM THE POINT WHERE GILMORE'S SPIRIT BODY IS LOCATED,
AND ADDED ANOTHER PERSON TO GILMORE'S "PERFORMANCE",
HE EXPLAINED THE PLAN,
GILMORE BECAME PART OF THE GODS' CIRCLE, WHERE HE ALSO MET PYUNMA.
AND, AS SUCH, HAD TO CHOOSE DEATH.
IN ORDER FOR THIS TO HAPPEN, GILMORE BECAME A PARTNER WITH THE GODS,

THEY WERE TREATED ON PAR WITH THE RANKS OF THE GODS' ARMY.
WHILE IN THE CHIEF GOD'S FAVOR,
WHO WERE SEARCHING FOR A SOLUTION.
AND SO, AS MUCH HARM AS POSSIBLE COULD BE AVOIDED BY THE CYBORG SOLDIERS,
FURTHERMORE, THE GODS DIDN'T CATCH ON.
THEY ARE COMING CLOSER.
THERE IS NO MORE TIME.
FIGHT, OR DEATH...
WHICH DO YOU CHOOSE?
...IF THERE'S ONE THING I CAN SAY FOR CERTAIN, IT'S THAT MANKIND IS FOOLISH.
WHERE IS THE GOOD? WHERE IS THE EVIL? I DON'T EVEN KNOW WHETHER THERE'S JUSTICE HERE OR NOT.
WHICH IS THE WRONG ANSWER?
WHICH IS RIGHT?
.....
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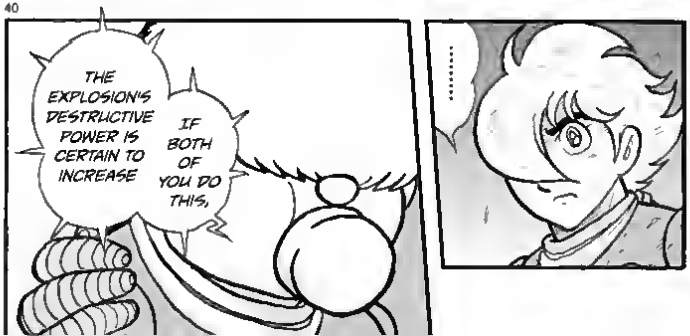
ARE THOSE PEOPLE GOING TO BE FREED?!
THERE ARE COUNTLESS PEOPLE SUFFERING ON EARTH RIGHT NOW!
.....
I'M NOT GOING TO FORGIVE THE FACT THAT EVERYONE'S BEEN LUMPED TOGETHER FOR ELIMINATION!
WHO LEAD HONEST AND PURE LIVES!
BUT THERE ARE SO MANY GOOD PEOPLE,

THAT'S WHAT I THOUGHT.
IT'S FINE IF I DO IT MYSELF, RIGHT, IVAN?
THAT IS ENOUGH
I'M ALSO GOING!
NO!
THERE'S NO WAY I'LL BACK DOWN THAT EASILY!!
AND I FEEL THE SAME WAY AS THEM!
I WILL FIGHT !!
IVAN
AND NOW OTHER PEOPLE ARE BEING MANIPULATED JUST TO COLLECT THEIR SPIRITS?!
NO MATTER THE CIRCUM-STANCES, I HAVE A DUTY TO PROTECT IT!
AND I GREW UP ON THIS EARTH!
I WAS BORN ON THIS EARTH,
THAT'S WHAT MAKES US HUMAN BEINGS!
EVERY HUMAN BEING HAS GOOD AND EVIL AND DESIRES AND AMBITIONS!
...TO THEIR DEATHS !!
FIGHT-ING TO KEEP THEM ...
...EVEN... EVEN OUR FRIENDS HAD THEIR OWN ASPIR-ATIONS!
AND WE SHOULDN'T BE RE-CAPTURED AS PUNISHMENT FOR IT!

I WON'T LET YOU DIE!
NO!
ABSO-LUTELY NOT!
YOU CAN'T DO THAT!
YOU CAN GO BE HAPPY IN THE UNIVERSE OF LIGHT!
JOE... I CAN'T LIVE IN A WORLD WITHOUT YOU.....
LET'S GO TO-GETHER!


THE EXPLOSION'S DESTRUCTIVE POWER IS CERTAIN TO INCREASE
IF BOTH OF YOU DO THIS,
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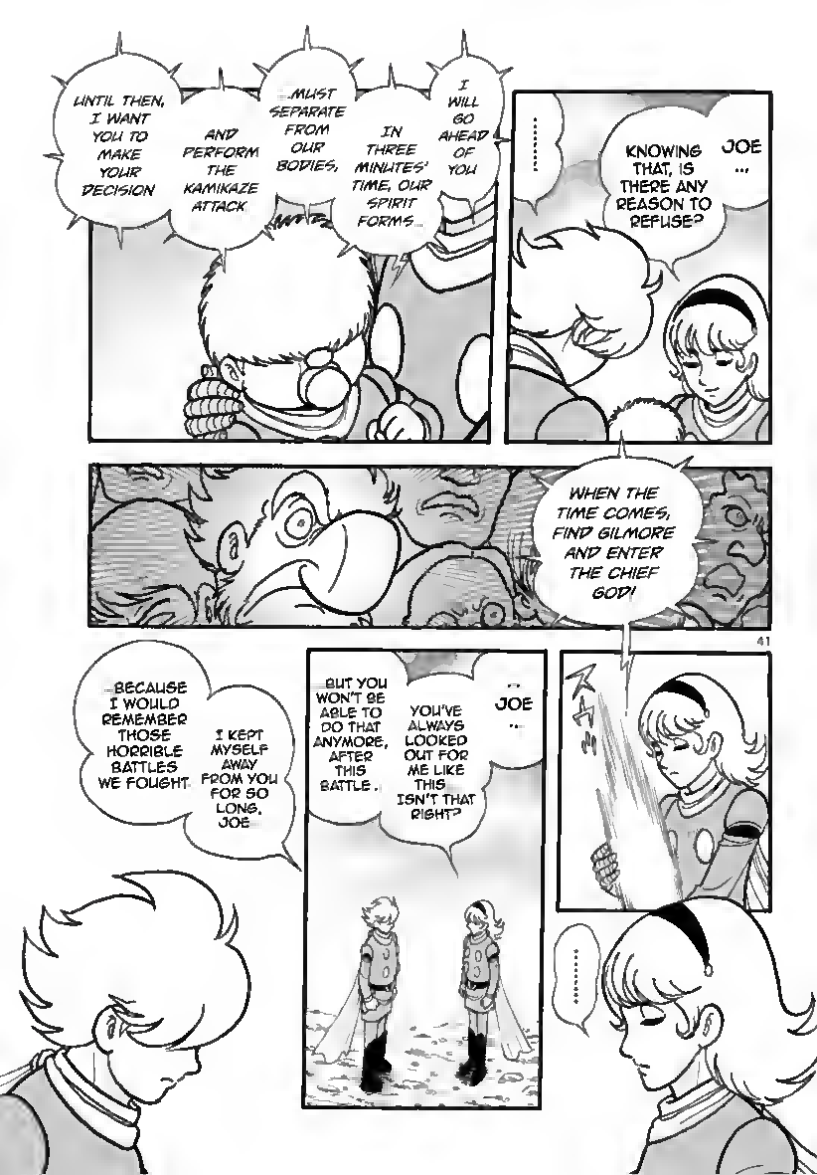
UNTIL THEN, I WANT YOU TO MAKE YOUR DECISION
AND PERFORM THE KAMIKAZE ATTACK
...MUST SEPARATE FROM OUR BODIES,
IN THREE MINUTES' TIME, OUR SPIRIT FORMS...
I WILL GO AHEAD OF YOU
.....
JOE ...
KNOWING THAT, IS THERE ANY REASON TO REFUSE?
WHEN THE TIME COMES, FIND GILMORE AND ENTER THE CHIEF GOD!
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...BECAUSE I WOULD REMEMBER THOSE HORRIBLE BATTLES WE FOUGHT.
I KEPT MYSELF AWAY FROM YOU FOR SO LONG, JOE...
...BUT YOU WON'T BE ABLE TO DO THAT ANYMORE, AFTER THIS BATTLE.
YOU'VE ALWAYS LOOKED OUT FOR ME LIKE THIS. ISN'T THAT RIGHT?
... JOE ...
KA
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BUT ...
...BUT AFTER ALL THIS TIME, I STILL NEED YOU JUST AS MUCH
WHEN I WOULD THINK ABOUT REMAINING ALONE, FOR THE REST OF MY LIFE SOMETHING WOULD *ALWAYS* REMIND ME OF YOU
SO... SO, PLEASE ...
PLEASE, *PLEASE* DON'T EVER LEAVE ME ALONE AGAIN.
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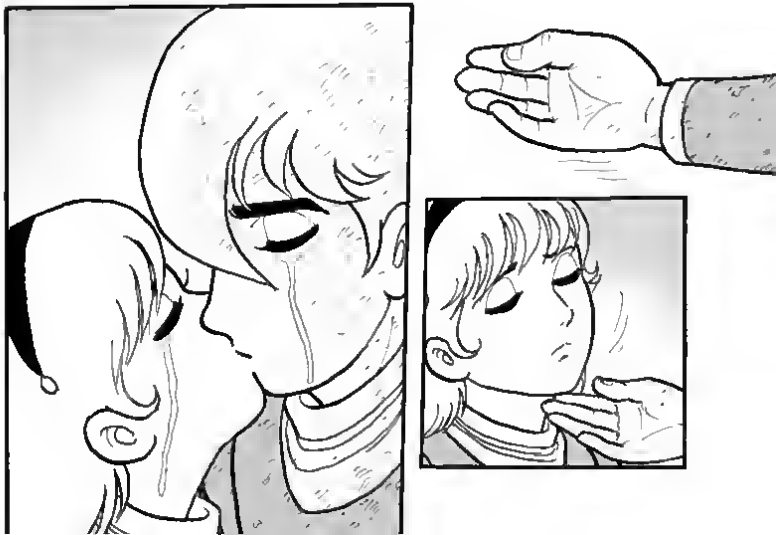

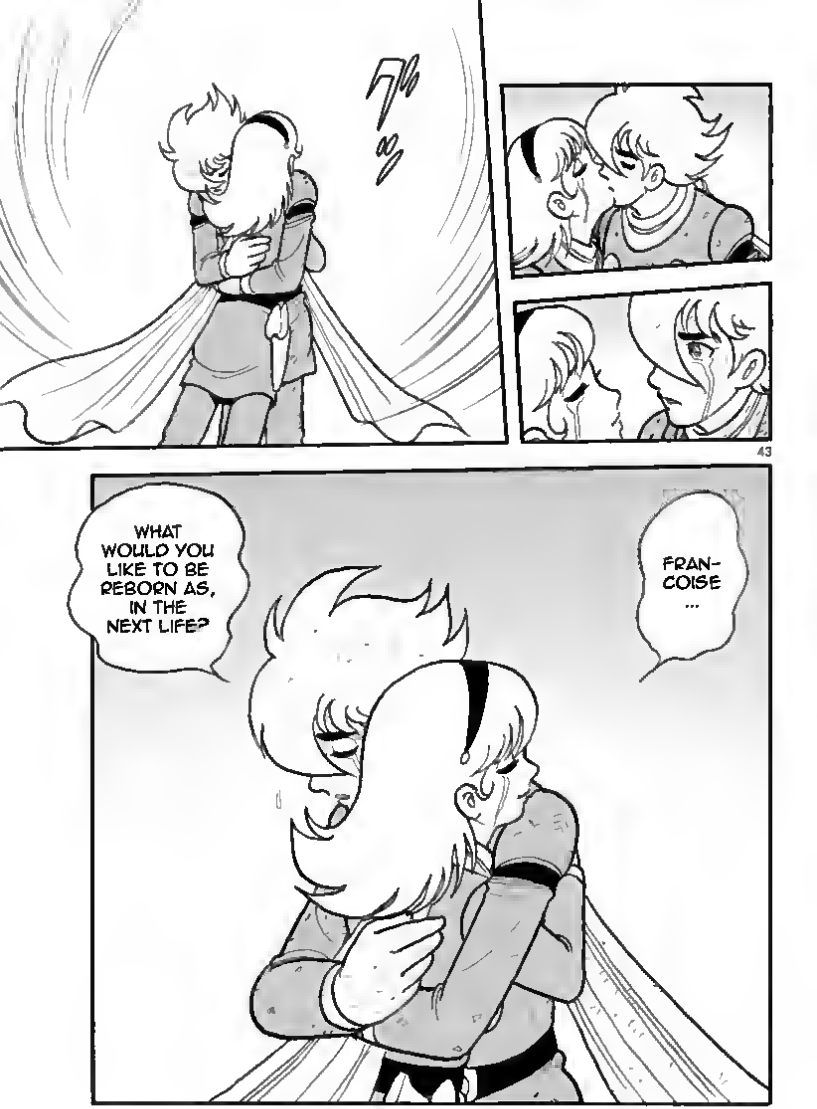
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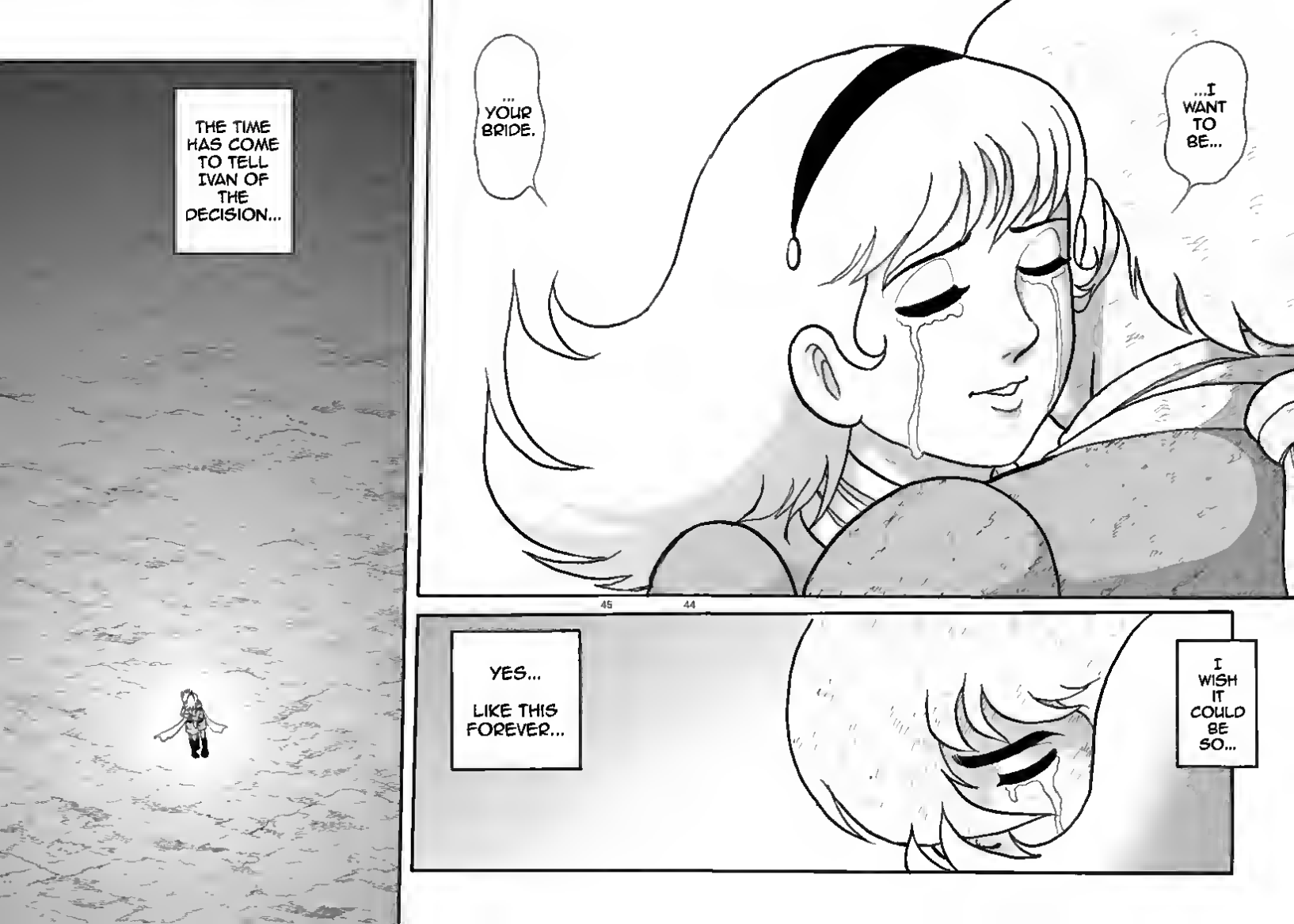
...
WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO BE REBORN AS, IN THE NEXT LIFE?


THE TIME HAS COME TO TELL IVAN OF THE DECISION...
...I WANT TO BE...
...YOUR BRIDE.
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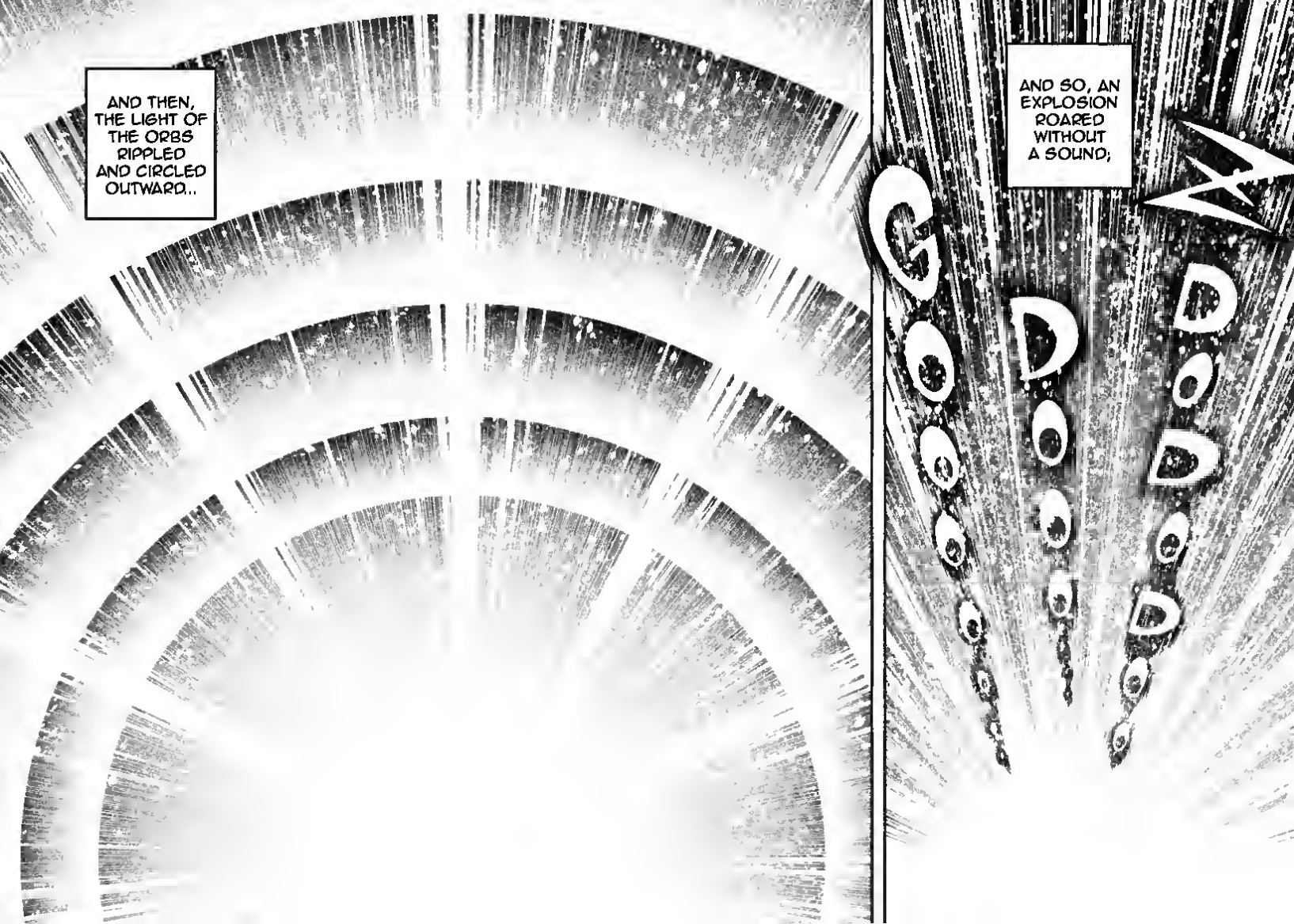
I WISH IT COULD BE SO...
YES...
LIKE THIS FOREVER...


AND THEN, THE LIGHT OF THE ORBS RIPPLED AND CIRCLED OUTWARD..
AND SO, AN EXPLOSION ROARED WITHOUT A SOUND;
GOOO

WRAPPED IN LIGHT, IT SANK INTO SPACE ITSELF AND DISAPPEARED
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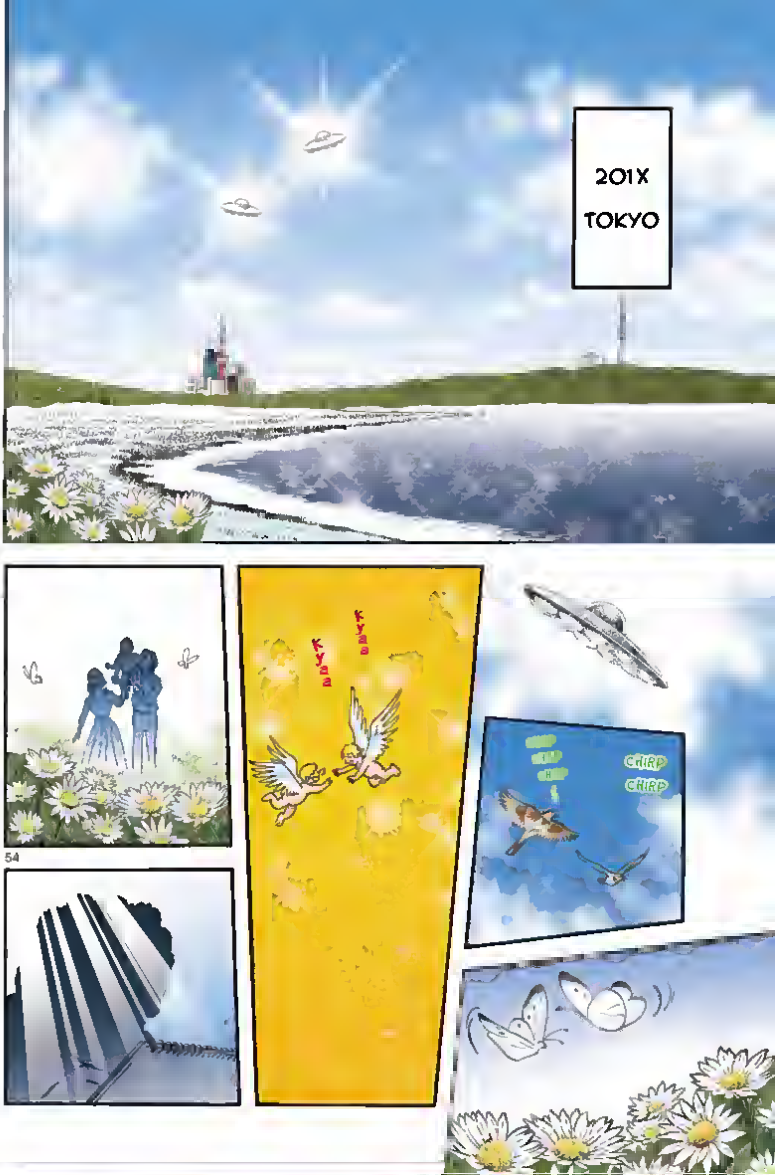
THE LIGHT ENGULFED THE ENTIRE EARTH.

AN ASHEN GRAY PLANET APPEARED.

IN ITS PLACE, NOT EVEN THE TINIEST FRAGMENTS OF LIFE COULD BE FELT.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